



JOINT COMMITTEES

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS**

**Inquiry into civics education, engagement, and participation in Australia**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Thursday 23 May 2024**

**Committee Room 1R2 and via videoconference  
Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
10.00 am	<b>Australian Curriculum, Assessment, and Reporting Authority</b> Mr Stephen Gniel, Chief Executive Officer (A/g) Ms Sharon Foster, Executive Director - Curriculum Mr Russell Dyer, Executive Director - Assessment and Reporting
10.30 am	<b>Department of Education</b> Ms Julie Birmingham, First Assistant Secretary - Teaching and Learning Ms Madonna Morton, First Assistant Secretary - Higher Education Mrs Nina Downes, Assistant Secretary (A/g) - Curriculum and Learning  <b>Office for Youth</b> Ms Gemma Sandlant, Assistant Secretary
11.15 am	<b>Break</b>
11.30 am	<b>Australian Media Literacy Alliance</b> Ms Anita Planchon, Chair Mrs Christine Evelyn, Co-Chair Ms Patricia Hepworth, Member
12.00 pm	<b>Australian Electoral Commission</b> ( <i>Submission 15</i> ) Mr Tom Rogers, Electoral Commissioner Mr Jeff Pope, Deputy Electoral Commissioner Ms Kath Gleeson, First Assistant Commissioner - Service Delivery Mr Michael Lynch, First Assistant Commissioner - Electoral Integrity and Operations Mr Andrew Johnson, Chief Legal Officer Ms Cathie Kennedy, Assistant Commissioner (A/g) - Communication, Education and Engagement
12.45 pm	<b>Break</b>
1.30 pm	<b>Australian Council for Student Voice</b> Mr Mitchell Sprague, Executive Director Mr Flynn O'Hallahan, Chair  <b>Foundation for Young Australians</b> Molly Whelan, Chief Executive Officer Ms Tahlia Azaria, Executive Director - Young Mayors
2.15 pm	<b>Break</b>

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2.30 pm	<b><i>Panel: academic and policy experts:</i></b> <b>Dr Keith Heggart, University of Technology Sydney</b> ( <i>Submission 13</i> )  <b>Dr Tanya Notley, Western Sydney University</b>  <b>Dr Zareh Ghazarian, Monash University</b> ( <i>Submission 12</i> )  <b>Dr Elizabeth Tudball, Monash University</b>
<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b><i>Close</i></b>